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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SEMINAR: ROAD CONSTRUCTION

--- TECHNOLOGY

REF: A. STATE 279438B. STATE 23578 C. NAIROBI 1036

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1. SEMINAR CHAIRMAN IS JOSEPH R. COUPAL, JR., DEPUTY
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. MR. COUPAL
IS A GRADUATE OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE WHERE HE EARNED A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN
GOVERNMENT. HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN 1948 AND

IS INCLUDED AS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS AND THE AMERI-
CAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION. ONE OF MR. COUPAL'S PRE-
VIOUS POSITIONS WAS THAT OF DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, IOWA
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION. MR. COUPAL HAS RECEIVED
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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS FROM FIVE PROFESSIONAL ORGAN-

IZATIONS AND MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD (1971) FROM THE AMERICAN

PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION. HE HAS PUBLISHED PAPERS ON HIGHWAYS, COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION. AS TIME DOES NOT PERMIT MR. COUPAL TO CONTINUE AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE SEMINARS IN ZAMBIA DUE TO PRESSING DEMANDS IN WASHINGTON, MR. MENDENHALL WILL CHAIR THE SESSIONS IN LUSAKA.

2. WESLEY S. MENDENHALL, JR., CHIEF, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATE OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY. HE HAS DONE GRADUATE WORK AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI. HE HAS A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE FEDERAL SERVICE FOR OVER 20 YEARS, HAVING HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDING ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR AND SERVED AS CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. MR. MENDENHALL WILL JOIN THE SEMINARS IN LAGOS PRIOR TO MR. COUPAL'S DEPARTURE AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE TEAM IN NAIROBI AND LUSAKA.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF SPEAKERS, TITLE, COMPANY, MAJOR SERVICE OR PRODUCT LINES AND TITLE OF PRESENTATION ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. E.C. ANDERSON, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, BLAW-KNOX CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CO.; MATTOON, ILLINOIS; WIDE WIDTH ASPHALT PAVING EQUIPMENT; "PAVING WITH MODERN ASPHALT FINISHERS". B. J.F. NIELSEN, SALES ENGINEER FOR AFRICA, CLARK EQUIPMENT CO., BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN; RUBBER TIRED EARTH MOVING SHOVELS, SCRAPERS, SKIDDERS, TACTOR DOZERS, GRADERS, ELEVATING SCRAPERS, COAL LOADERS, LOG LOADERS AND HYDRAULIC CRANES; "HOW TO SET UP LOAD AND CARRY OPERATIONS". C. JOHN MCINTOSH, DISTRICT SALES MANAGER, ECONOMY FORMS CORP., DES MOINES, IOWA; STEEL FORMS FOR PLACING CONCRETE CULVERTS, WALLS, BRIDGES, BUILDINGS, TUNNELS, ETC.; "DEVELOPING METHODS FOR STANDARDIZED STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS". D. E.F. NIEDERER, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, L. ROBERT KIMBALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS, EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA; ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, STRUCTURAL AND FOUNDATION ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND MAP-
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PING, COMMUNITY PLANNING, EARTH SCIENCE AND ARCHITURE; "HIGHWAY DESIGN AND ITS EFFECT ON CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE". E. W.O. PROCHASKA, SALES MANAGER, KORHNRG CY;ROSTRATIC SOILSTABILIZING EQUIPMENT;-XCAVATORS AND HYDROSTRATIC SOILSTABILIZING EQUIPMENT; "SOIL STABILIZATION". F. J.W. WELLS, VICE PRESIDENT, SLURRY SEAL INTERNATIONAL, INC. WACO, TEXAS; EMULSIFIED ASPHALT PLANTS AND ROAD SURFACE SEALANTS; "USE OF EMULSIFIED

ASPHALT AND SLURRY SEAL TECHNOLOGY IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION".

G. J.M. CARTER, MANAGER, PAVEMENT TESTING DIVISION,
SOILTEST, INC., EVANSTON, ILLINOIS; CONCRETE TESTERS,

NUCLEAR MOISTURE DENSITY METERS, GRAVEL LOCATORS, PAVE-
MENT TESTERS AND OTHER FIELD AND LABORATORY TESTING
DEVICES, "USING ELECTRONICS TO BUILD SAFER ROADS".

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES AND ABSTRACT
BOOKLETS ARE BEING PRINTED AT DOC FOR EDWARDS TO HAND
CARRY ON ADVANCE TRIP.

5. REVISED ITINERARY ADVANCE OFFICER EDWARDS SUBJECT
SEMINARS FOLLOWS:

ETA ABIDJAN MONDAY, APRIL 14 AT 17:20 HRS. FLIGHT UT 25
ETA LAGOS MONDAY, APRIL 21 AT 15:50 HRS. FLIGHT WT 942
ETA NAIROBI FRIDAY, APRIL 25 AT 23:50 HRS. FLIGHT PAN AM
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ETA LUSAKA MONDAY, APRIL 28 AT 16:00 HRS. FLIGHT EC 951
ETA NAIROBI FRIDAY, MAY 2 AT 13:10 HRS. FLIGHT QZ 510
ETA ACCRA SAME DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 2 AT 20:45 HRS. FLGT. PAN
AM 191
ETA ABIDJAN SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT 10:45 FLIGHT GH 546. POSTS
REQUESTED ADJUST ADVANCE TRIP MOTEL RESERVATIONS TO ABOVE
ITINERARY. AND ADVISE EDWARDS OF ARRANGEMENTS.

6. FOR ABIDJAN: WE ATTEMPTING TO TRANSLATE BROCHURE
AND BOOKLET INTO FRENCH SO EDWARDS CAN DELIVER FOR
PRINTING IN ABIDJAN. WE ALSO HIRING TWO FSI INTERPRETERS
FOR SIMULTANEOUS AND CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION DUTIES
MAY 5-10.

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7. FOR NAIROBI: PLEASE CANCEL EDWARDS PREVIOUS RESER-
VATION MAY 2 BUT ADD RESERVATION APRIL 25 AS DISCUSSED
DOYLE/EDDY TELECON OF MARCH 19. EDWARDS WILL NEED EM-
BASSY ASSISTANCE IN MAKING BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS FOR THIS
NON-SEMINAR SESSION STOP. HE WILL DELIVER DETAILS ON
EXACT BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THESE SEMINAR MEMBERS FOR
THEIR MAY 19 AND PARTIAL MAY 20 APPOINTMENT TIME. KISSINGER

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